Bridge at Murinjapuzha.

370. ✻MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any investigation was made for the construction of a bridge at Murinjapuzha in the Vaikom taluk?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Detailed investigation has been ordered.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR: May I know when this order for detailed investigation was passed?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: It has been recently ordered that the Division officer should go into the matter.

Mulakulam bridge.

371. ✻MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Mulakulam bridge was completed; and

(*b*) why the approaches to the bridge are not constructed?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) In 1120 M. E.

(*b*) As the original contractor failed to carry out the approaches his accounts had to be closed and fresh arrangements made to carry out the work. This is being done.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR: With reference to part (b) 'that arrangements are made to carry out the work' may I know when the arrangements were made?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The Division officer has been asked to complete the work immediately.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: മുക്കാളം പാലം എന്നു മുടങ്ങി എന്നപാ ത്തമാ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: It was completed in 1120. I am not able to give at present the date of its commencement.

Unauthorised occupation of irrigation tank-beds.

372. ✻MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether complaints have been received about the unauthorised occupation of irrigation tank-beds in Neyyattinkara and Trivandrum taluks:

(*b*) if so, what these tanks are; and

(*c*) what action if any has been taken regarding those tanks?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Yes. A complaint was received by the Division Officer, Irrigation, regarding unauthorised occupation of tank-beds in the Trivandrum taluk.

(*b*) Koliakottu chira and Kunnathukonathu chira in the Uliazhathura pakuthy, Trivandrum taluk.

(*c*) The Revenue Department has been addressed to define the limits and remove the encroachments.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member whether the revenue authorities have received any complaints regarding unauthorised encroachment upon irrigation tank beds?

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MR. C. KUMARA DAS: From the papers here we have no information about complaints received by the revenue authorities. But the P. W. D. has already asked the revenue authorities to investigate the cases of encroachment and to effect eviction.

Construction of a Dam.

373. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: With reference to the construction of a dam in Survey No. 272 of Matathuvilagom pakuthy, across Oollur thodu below the fourth mile will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when was the construction of the dam sanctioned by Government;

(*b*) whether this work was provided in the State Budget for three years in succession;

(*c*) whether it is provided in the budget for the current year;

(*d*) whether the Chief Engineer has visited the proposed site for the dam and, if so, when;

(*e*) what is the amount already spent regarding this work;

(*f*) why the work is not yet started;

(*g*) whether they propose to complete the work during the current year; and

(*h*) whether the Government are aware of the great hardship caused to the ryots on account of continuous failure of crops for years in succession?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) On 22-12-1943.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes; on 29-8-1120.

(*e*) Nil.

(*f*) A revised estimate for providing a regulator instead of a dam has been prepared and the work will be taken in hand in due course.

(*g*) The work will be taken up as soon as the question of willingness or otherwise of the interested ryots to pay half contribution is ascertained.

(*h*) There has been no continuous failure of crops.

Sluice across the stream in Kadagampally.

374. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have arranged to construct a sluice across the stream in Kadagampally ela in Trivandrum taluk to prevent brine from getting into the paddy fields?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: There is a proposal to consruct a sluice or in its place a regulator across the stream. The matter is under investigation.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know from Government whether the estimates have been prepared?

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